Believed That Conferences, Now Under Way, Will Reconcile Disagreements.

With the conference between Senate and House managers on the rail-road bills started this morning, and with representatives of organized la-bor in fourteen trades and crafts engaged in railroad employment here for a conference with Samuel Com-pers and other officials of the Ameri-can Federation of Labor this after-noon, sincere efforts have begun for

It is the earnest hope of those engaged in the conferences that a way can be found to reconcile all dis-agreements—especially upon the labor provisions, which are a big point in controversy—so that when the rail-roads are turned back to private own-ership on March 1, by direction of President Wilson, there will be no

law any such anti-strike clause as was expected to pass the \$1,500 mark by night.

Steve Armstrong, who is not a relative of the deceased officer, addressed audiences, in the case of the deceased officer. having been omitted by the that beEvery assurance was given that before either group of conferees would fore either group of conferees would wield this question would be referred back to their respective houses for instruction. It was the opinion of the majority of the conferees that the labor provisions would not be debated until all other differences bedeen the two bills—the Esch bill tween tween tween tween the tween tween tween tween the tween tween tween tween the tween tween

mins bill substituted by the Senate—had been thrashed out.

Both groups of conferees, however, felt certain that after so much time and careful study of earnest men in Congress had been spent upon drafting this legislation it will not fail now, and that a compromise can be reached and sent to the President for his signature before the date set for restoring the railroads—to private expersible and operation, on March 1.

Conference with the executives of the American Federation of Labor said before the conference that they believe that some time tonight a statement will be authorized by this labor conference setting forth the code of principles that the two codes of the conference setting forth the code of principles that the two codes of the conference setting forth the code of principles that the two codes of the conference setting forth the code of principles that the two codes of the country have been invited to a conference by the Federal Reserve Board to meet in Washington January 6 to discuss the existing relation between federal reserve bank discount rates and the two codes of principles that the two codes of principles that the two codes of the country have been invited to a conference by the Federal Reserve Board to meet in Washington January 6 to discuss the existing relation between federal reserve bank discount rates and the country have been invited to a conference by the Federal Reserve Board to meet in Washington January 6 to discuss the existing relation between federal reserve bank discount rates and the country have been invited to a conference by the Federal Reserve Board to meet in Washington January 6 to discuss the existing relation between federal reserve bank discount rates and the country have been invited to a conference by the Federal Reserve Board to meet in Washington January 6 to discuss the existing relation between federal reserve bank discount rates and the country have been invited to a conference by the Federal Reserve Board to meet in Washington January 6 to discuss the existing relation between federal reserve bank discount rates and the country have been invited to a conference by the Federal Reserve Board to meet in Washington January 6 to discuss the existing relation between federal reserve bank discount rates are conference by the federal Reserve Board to have the without the conference by the federal Reserve Board to have the without the conference by the federal Reserve Board to have conference setting forth the code of principles that the two and a half million railroad employes represented believe should be in mind when the final draft of the railroad legislation is made. The railroad employes have orked until the last minute to try to have the period of federal control and operation extended for another two years. The opposition of the railroad House will persist in refusing to ac-

Representatives of the railroad unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, who had planned to confer with Director General Hines atoday, relative to wage increases, decided at the last moment not to see the director general today. No reason for the postponement was given nor did the union officials indicate when they would ask for a conference.

WIDE ROUND-UP **NOW IMPENDING**

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drinking of wood alcohol have oc-curred here. Two other persons were sent to hospitals.

Man Hunt ut Chicopee.

CHICOPEE, Mass., December 29.— Search was continued in this vicinity today for persons connected with the traffic in poisonous liquor which has resulted in the last few days in at least seventy-one deaths and many cases of serious illness in Massachu-setts and Connecticut places. The setts and Connecticut places. Ine death toll at an early hour today was divided as follows: Chicopee, 37, in-cluding 2 women; Holyoke, 10; Spring-field, 4, including 1 woman; Hadley, 3; Greenfield, 1; Hartford, Conn., 13; Thompsonville, Conn., 2; Meriden, Conn.

Fourteen arrests of those alleged to have handled the liquor, which was found to contain a wood alcohol base, had been made, and others were ex-

Conference at Chicago

CHICAGO, December 29.—The use of beverages composed partly of wood alcohol, which has killed ten persons alcohol, which has killed ten persons in Chicago since Christmas, was the subject of a conference today between Maclay Hoyne, state's attorney, and Coroner Hoffman. Mr. Hoyne said charges of manslaughter would be pressed against all persons where evidence shows they sold wood alcohol to

More than that," he said, "they also will be prosecuted under the Illinois search and seizure law. This wholesale poisoning by bogus liquor must

Charles Simski, West Side saloon-keeper, who died last night, was the latest victim of the concoction, which the police say was manufactured in his house, and which also killed his wife and a guest. More than 100 bot-tles labeled "wood alcohol" were found in the basement of the saloon

Reports From Other Cities. in the last three weeks, were reported to the police tonight.

are in a critical condition in the Ja-maica Hospital as a result of drinking cited at \$10,000, while the salary of wood alcohol concection. The women a chief counsel of a large eastern were found, unconscious, in a room. EASTON, Pa., December 28.-Whisky" containing wood alcohol

claimed another victim here tonight when a local shoe merchant died. The police arrested a former policeman and his wife in connection with the case. He was the fourth Eastonian to die from this cause.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, December 28 .poisoning since Christmas, when several cases were admitted to hospi-tals, occurred yesterday. Fifteen deaths have occurred since Novem-investigations.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 29 Three prisoners are in the city jail, all in a helpless condition, informing the officers that they believed they were poisoned by a drink containing

PLAN TO ADVOCATE U.S. WOOD ALCOHOL CONTROL

CINCINNATI, December 29.—The Federated American Societies of Ex-perimental Biology, which began a hree-day session here today, planned to recommend that the sale of wood to recommend that the sale of wood alcohol be controlled by the govern-ment. Dr. Clyde Brooks of the Ohio State University said that to make and sell as a beverage a drink con-taining wood alcohol was nothing short of murder.

cal Company here last night and escaped with platinum and gold valued at \$75,000, it was reported today.

CONCERTED EFFORT ARMSTRONG FUND INSPECTOR GRANT

teers Add to Subscription for Detective's Family.

Contributions to the Armstrong Relief Fund: Previously acknowledged \$1,307.00 Contributions received today: . Turner Mrs. Sidney Alexander Criterion Theater Empress Theater Plaza Theater Cash Mrs. Nathan Samuel..... H. Goldberg. H. M. Schneider

Today's total \$184.19 The fund being collected for the benefit excuse for industrial disturbance.

Anti-Strike Clause Opposed.

When the House and Senate conferees met this morning it was evident that a determined stand will be taken by the managers on the part of the House to hold out of the new law any such anti-strike clause as was inserted in the Senate bill of the senate b

between federal reserve bank discount rates and interest rates on deposits which resulted from war financing, Gov. Harding said. Members of the reserve board feel that years. The opposition of the railroad workers now is centered against the any change in the present arrangement-strike clause in the Cummins bill, ment, established in the war period, will have to be made with due consideration for its effect on the general banking situation. Gives Conference Plan.

Plans for the conference were given a letter to the chairman of the ederal reserve bank from Gov. Hard-

"Early in 1918," said the "there was a disposition on the part of large banks all over the country to indulge in sharp competition for bank balances and to offer inducements in balances and to offer inducements in the way of increased rates of interest. "Some of the banks in New York were bidding as high as 3 per cent for balances of other banks payable on demand, and the rates offered for time deposits were higher. This led to reprisals on the part of interior banks, and the bidding for business by marking up interest rates on deposits threatened to interfere seriously with the financial operations of the government.

ment.

"Finally the clearing house banks of New York agreed to fix a rate of 2% per cent on bank balances payable on demand, with the proviso that the interest rate would be automatically advanced or reduced % of 1 per cent with each advance or decline of % of 1 per cent in the ninety-day rate at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. This rate is now 4% per cent, and This rate is now 4% per cent, and should it be advanced at any time to New York banks for out-of-town bank balances would automatically advance to 2% per cent.

deem necessary to bring about a proper control of credit. But it is anxious at the same time to avoid a disturbance of the whole banking situation such as would most likely

"The board was decided, therefore, to invite representative bankers from all parts of the country to meet in Washington January 6 for the pur-Washington January 6 for the purpose of discussing this matter in the hope that some way will be found of hope that some way will be found of has ben in the Polish army. The abrogating the existing entangling ancestors of the Poniatowskis were kings of Poland.

U. S. CLERKS' PAY **RAISED 72 CENTS** FROM 1823 TO 1916

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000; that the Interstate Commerce Commission had twelve attorneys, re-ceiving from \$3,000 to \$5,000, go to outside positions ranging from \$4,000 NEWARK, N. J., December 28.—

Three more deaths from wood alcohol

to \$15.000 a year.

Outside positions for similar legal

Outside positions for similar legal JERSEY CITY, N. J., December 29.

One man is dead and two women are in a critical condition in the Janaica Hospital as a result of dright. railroad, it was declared, is \$35,000.

82.2 PER CENT ADVANCE

IN LIVING COSTS NOTED BOSTON, December 29 .- An increase of \$2.2 per cent in the cost of living for American wage earners between July, 1914, and November, 1919, is shown in a statement issued by the This represents an advance of 10.4

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This represents an advance of 10.4
per cent since November, 1918; 13.5
per cent since March, 1919, when prices dropped temporarily, and 5.8
per cent since last July. The increase in the cost of the five major items in the family budget since July, 1914, was: Food, 92 per cent; shelter, 38 per cent; clothing, 135 per cent; fuel, heat and light, 48 per cent, and sundries, 75 per cent.

ACCUSED OF EFFORT TO KILL

R. A. White Charged With Administering Carbolic Acid to Infant. Richard Albert White, colored, messenger in the Treasury Department, was arrested at his home, 2128 K street, yesterday afternoon by De-tectives Baur. Sweeney and Hart-man and locked up to answer a charge of assault with intent to kill. It is charged that he administered carbolic acid to his infant child. Big Haul of Rich Metal.

PERTH AMBOY. N. J., December 29.

Burglars forced a safe in the office of the Roessler and Hasslacher Chemiacid and said he administered it to the child because he did not want the little one. The child may recover.

CLOSE TO \$1,500 GRILLED AS TRIAL OF WAN RESUMED

Attorney Seeks to Establish Coercion Was Practiced to Gain Confession.

The trial of Ziang Sung Wan, the young Chinese student charged with murder in the first degree in connection with the killing of Ben Sen Wu, Dakota, Moses of New Hampshire and an undersecretary at the Chinese ed-Representatives Steenerson of Minne-ucational mission, last January, was sota, Moon of Tennessee, Raus of resumed today in Criminal Division 1, liam H. Bradshaw, the juror whose libres necessitated the halting of the trial for a week, was in his place in ployes of the Post Office Department.

examination by Attorney O'Shea for the decease. The lawyer sought to the delease. The lawyer sought to make the detective admit that coer-The fund being collected for the benefit cion had been used by the police to of the widow and children of Detective secure an admission of guilt from the James E. Armstrong, killed in performances. Inspector Grant fiatly de-

> witness that a reward had been offered for the perpetrator of the triple murder at the mission house. On ob-

"Not to my personal knowledge," said the witness, hesitatingly.
"If you don't know, say so," suggested Justice Gould.
"I don't know."

Counsel for the defense had the witness admit that Wan and his brother were kept apart until in the judg-ment of the police they were allowed to see each other. The chief of de-tectives said they had their "own rea-

deposit.

The conference is the first step of the Federal Reserve Board to iron out the "existing entangling alliance" between federal reserve between would be told that a confession so ob-tained would not be "voluntary." The limits to which the police may go, the court stated, depends on the circumstances of each case. Inspector Grant said Wan got angry on one occasion only. He said he had been inquiring as to the cashing of the check when Wan declared: "You get the man who went to the

bank and you will get the murderer."
Witness said he then told Wan that
his brother had admitted the attempt his brother had admitted the attempt to cash the check. The accused then flew into a rage and declared he would talk no more.

Mr. Grant said Wan had declined to go to a hospital and he was unwilling to subject him to the humiliation of being placed in a cell. For this reason the Dewey Hotel was selected.

WEDS PRINCE'S SON.

Andre Poniatowski in Paris.

PARIS, December 28.-Miss Frances Lawrance, daughter of Mrs. Francis C. Lawrance of New York, was married yesterday to Andre Poniatowski, a son of Prince Andre Poniatowski. An elder brother of the bridegroom, Prince Stanislaus Poniatowski, a staff officer in the Polish army, and Marquis de Brantes acted as his witnesses. Ambassador Wallace, who was detained at a meeting of the supreme council, was represented at the preme council, was represented at the cremony by Joseph C. Grew, counselor of the American embassy.

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The mother of the bride, before her marriage, was Miss Susan Willing, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs.

"The board wishes to be free to approve such discount rates as it was marriage. Willing of Philadelphia was marriage." "The board wishes to be free to ap-prove such discount rates as it may and sister of Baroness Ribblesdale, before her marriage to the baron last June was Mrs. John Astor, once the wife of the late Col. John Jacob

Astor.
Andre Poniatowski's parents, Prince and Princess Andre Poniatowski. result from an advance in the interest and Princess Andre Poniatowski, rates allowed on out-of-town balances are well known in New York and San Francisco. Princess Poniatowski was Miss Elizabeth Sperry of San Francisco. Andre, who was born in San Francisco, served with his father and two brothers in the French army during the war. Since the armistice

> Allenby Sees Egypt Improved. LONDON, December 29 .- Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, British high dommissioner in Egypt, is quoted by the Cairo correspondent of the Daily Mail as saying in an interview on December 23 that conditions in Egypt

Influenza-Typhus Deaths in Madrid MADRID, Sunday, December 28.— Fatalities from influenza and typhus have reached a high figure. There were many funerals today and yester-

PAY RECLASSIFIERS MAY REPORT MARCH 1

salaries of postal employes probably will be made to both houses of Congress by March 1, and early action in both branches urged. That is the date set by the commission for making public its recommendations regardpublic its recommendations regarding general increases for grades of service to all the 275,000 employes in the postal service. The commission is to leave Washington the latter part of this week for

another inspection trip, on which hearings will be held in Atlanta, New Orleans, Memphis, Kansas City and St. Louis. Those who are to make the trip include Senators Bankhead chairman). Gay of Louisiana, Mc-Keilar of Tennessee, Sterling of North resumed today in Criminal Division 1, Kentucky, Bell of Georgia and Mad-before Justice Gould and a jury. Wil-den of Illinois.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD IN LONDON

The date for the exchange of ratifications, on which the call for the meeting of the league's council depends, is still uncertain, nothing having been heard from the Germans in response to the latest allied note. The expectation in official circles is that some word from Berlin regarding the subject will be at hand by tomorrow unless interrupted telegraphic transmission causes further delay.

According to the exchange of ratification, on the peace thave been no "questions arising out of the ratification of the peace treaty," for the obvious reason that the treaty, which Europe expected to see ratified by October, with the first meeting of the league of nations in session by then, still remains unacted upon by the Senate of the United States.

tion. If the police went beyond the in which its task in conection with proprieties, the court stated, the jury the evacuation of the Baltic provinces would be told that a confession so ob- by the German troops had been car-

EL PASO, Tex., December 29 .- Mexican revolutionists are working on a plan for unity of military commands and aims, with the first step the setting up a de facto government, ac-cording to reports here today. Followers of Francisco Villa said

he had been agreed upon as the military leader by revolutionists on the éast coast of Mexico and by southern rebeis.

The revolutionists, it was said, plan their first military movement on the east coast, and their chief aim at present is to obtain control of the Mexican oil districts, where they would set up their de facto government. Gen. Manuel Palaez, who has control of the district outside what Carranza holds, has not yet agreed to the proposal of the other revolutionists, but is said to have expressed a willingness to consider it. The plan further calls for the seiz-The plan further calls for the seiz ure of the east coast of Mexico by the revolutionists as rapidly as pos-

842 SOLDIERS LEAVE SIBERIA FOR AMERICA

VLADIVOSTOK, Thursday, December 11.—The United States Army transport Logan departed today for the United States. The vessel carries 842 soldiers, which leaves in Siberia fifty-three drafted men, or men who enlisted for the period of emergency. The Logan is sailing direct for San Francisco and it is expected that

C. H. SYME FORMALLY RESIGNS AS D. C. COUNSEL

LORD GREY TO GO FEELING U.S. WILL STAND BY ALLIES

British Envoy, Despite Some Disappointment, Is Not in Complaining Spirit.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

Viscount Edward Grey-the mar who, as foreign secretary of Great Britain, led the allies in the critical moments of July, 1914—returns this week to Europe to tell the people over there exactly what he believes to be at issue in the treaty controversy in the Ut. ed States. The ambassador leaves in no com-Clifford L. Grant, chief of detectives, tabulated by Malcolm Kerlin, who was subjected to a searching cross- has just resigned as assistant post- wamination by Attorney O'Shea for master to take up this work and the search of the Post Office Department.

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What He Likely Will Tell Europe. Lord Grey hardly will tell the European peoples that the same nation which showed her unselfishness in the great war now would be guilty of selfishness in seeking to dissociate herself entirely from the prostrated

of the government independent of the executive so that the country might have one party in Congress and another party in the White House. And he will be able to trace for the benefit of European peoples who are accustomed to the parliamentary form of government and an executive responsible to the legislature the growsponsible to the legislature the grow-ing tendency on the part of the ex-ecutive from the days of Roosevelt on to proceed independently of the other branches of the government. Will Be Able to Give Reasons.

He will be able to describe the reason for America's hesitation to enter into a binding contract for participation in European affairs without knowing first exactly what the com-The Logan is sailing direct for San
Francisco and it is expected that
she will arrive there about January 1.

The remaining drafted men, thirty
of whom are on the way to Viadivostok from posts in the railway zone
and the others who are in hospitals,
will leave Siberia on the transport
Sheridan, sailing the middle of Januarv the United States shall not have the Minor, power to commit the United States to Rollins. her Constitution to provide for a bet- anti-narcotic law.

THEFTS OF \$25,000,000

inals in ten thousand separate thefts robbed the people of New York of cash and goods amounting approximately to \$25,000,000 during 1919, according to the New York Tribune today. The estimate was given by officials of thirty-two burglary insurance firms in the city, who say the year just ending has been the most disastrous in their history. Robberies increased by more than 30 per cent over lest year and the 30 per cent over last year, and the value of the goods stolen almost

The principal losses were: Silk in-The principal losses were: Silk industry, \$2,000,000; furriers, \$1,500,000; jewelers, \$1,000,000. The total of liberty bonds and other securities appropriated by youthful bank messengers exceeded \$1,000,000.

ter check on the executive, and like-wise for a better opportunity to turn out of office a Senate or House that sets itself up to defy the wishes of public opinion. But for the present Europe must deal with the practical situation, and undoubtedly the most important result of Lord Grey's mis-sion will be to bring about better re-States and Great Britain, but between this country and Europe, by urging consideration for the special situation PARIS, December 28.—The next conference of the council of four or five will be held in London, where Premier Lloyd George is detained by Irish affairs, according to the Intransiguate and.

The date for the exchange of rational properties of the council of the peace treaty.

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When he got here Mr. Wilson suffered and properties and properti of not being officially whole question was o from Lord Grey's mind.

President Is Disappointed countries, who might feel offended unless Mr. Wilson saw them, too, and his physicians will not yet permit him to go through the ceremonious of receiving foreign diplomats. Lord Grey fully understands the situation and carries away with him only the highest feeling of admira-tion and respect for the President. His mission has been unfulfilled in one sense only—he has not discussed questions sure to arise out of the operation of the peace treaty. But he has obtained a close-up view of American politics and the American attitude, and he goes away confident that the United States will relimitate. that the United States will ultimately be found at the side of her allies' helping in the immense job of trying to reconstruct a war-torn world (Copyright, 1919.)

Various Other Offenses Alleged in Indictments Returned by Grand Jury.

Murder in the first degree is charged have shot and killed Ada King, also colored, in Springmann's court, in Southwest Washington, October 29 last. William Taylor. colored, is charged with the willful murder of his former employer, William McK. The jury, representing farmers for the most part, was impaneled at 10:51, less than an hour after the trial opened. Bentzel, a white man, who was struck. The jurors are: George L. Rosenhave shot and killed Ada King, also his former employer, William McK. Bentzel, a white man, who was struck

Louis W. Fiedler, a corporal of ma-rines, employed as a clerk in the pay department of the Marine Corps, was indicted for forgery. It is claimed that in opening the mail he came into possession of eleven pay checks be-longing to officers whose names he was said to have forged as indorsements on the checks, which were

Other Indletments Returned. Others indicted and the charges against them are: Elbert Saunders and William Manson, carnal knowledge; Bus Busey, Milton Winslow, Thomas F. C. Henry, Charles Johnson, an instrument as the covenant of the league of nations the President of the United States shall not have the Ross, Gerand , William Ross, Florence Lucas, Ra Monroe Robinson, any obligation—moral, political, physical, legal or material—unless the consent of Congress is first given.

Thomas Smith, grand larceny; Frank E. Hart, receiving stolen property; Forrest Dyer, robbery; Charles Conrad H. Syme has sent his formal resignation as corporation counsel of the District to the Commissioners, and it probably will come up for action at the meeting of the city heads tomorrow.

It is practically certain that the Commissioners will accept the resignation. Mr. Syme desires to resume private practice.

Francis H. Stephens, an assistant corporation counsel for a number of years, is being mentioned as the most likely successor to Mr. Syme.

Consent of Congress is first given.

Such an assurance is not necessary in Europe, for the moment the premier or prime minister adopts a policy forgery; Joseph Edward Johnson, Arthur Walker and Aaron A. E. Johnment or national legislature he can be ousted by a simple vote of lack of confidence, and if he doubts the validity of that vote he can appeal to the people in a general election, wherein the verdict can be affirmed or reversed and a ministry continued or turned out of power.

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IN NEW YORK THIS YEAR APPEAL TO TAFT

A petition requesting former President Taft to come to Washington to address a meeting about January 7 at Liberty Hut in the interests of a final settlement of the peace treaty controversy was being circulated among number of the senators at the Capi tol today. Some of them signed it, including mild reservationists, so-called, on the republican side. The purpose of the advocates of the plan is to bring about a non-partisan meeting of men who desire to see the

The senators who are pressing for action on the peace treaty continued today to insist that something would be forthcoming in the matter of a compromise by the close of the holidays. Senator McCumber of North The senators who are pressing for action on the peace treaty continued today to insist that something would be forthcoming in the matter of a compromise by the close of the holidays. Senator McCumber of North Lakota, who has been one of the components of ratification to the components of the c ton tomorrow, cutting short his holidays. Several other members of mild reservation group have remained in the commission in its work, in spite of objections that have been made by the operators to the government's plan. Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin, who

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ing about effective conferences or "DRY" INSPECTOR'S SECOND TRIAL ON

MANASSAS, Va., December 29 (Spegoal of testimony of the prosecution started by the Federal Trade Commisin the second trial of W. C. Hall, sion into a growing business prac-prohibition inspector, charged with tice against which extensive comthe killing of Lawrence D. Hudson. plaints have been filed—the question of guarantee against decline in this morning before Judge Samuel G.

Brent.

Judge F. S. Tavenner, counsel for the prosecution, in his opening statement to the jury declared that the prosecution would attempt to prove that Hall had "wrongfully and unlawfully" killed Hudson, who was sitting helpless in the automobile suspected of bootlegging "without lifting a hand to do anybody harm."

Likely to Plend "Self-defense." Self-defense will be Hall's plea. At-torney Louis O. Wendenberg, chief Murder in the first degree is charged in three indictments returned today by the grand jury. Another indictment alleges manslaughter, and thirty-four others charge various crimes. Josephine Berry, colored, is said to have shot and killed Ada King, also his former employer, William McK.
Bentzel, a white man, who was struck
over the head with an iron bar in
the rear of 1336 B street southeast.
Thomas Clark, colored, is indicted for
the killing of Joseph Culbreath, also
colored, in a craps game November
15 last at 723 Longfellow street.

Accused of Manslzughter.

Manslaughter is the charge preferred against James P. Cariton, an
inmate of the Government Hospital for
the Insane, in connection with the
death October 27 last of Gordon Berry,
an attendant at the hospital.

Louis W. Fiedler, a corporal of ma-Hospital in the automobile of the prohibition officers.

Jointly charged with Hall with the nurder of Hudson are three fellow officers: Harry F. Sweet, sr., W. G. Dun-leavy and J. H. Sullivan. When arraigned they elected separate trials.

If Hall is convicted action will be taken against them. If the case ends in acquittal their cases will be nolle These three men, Joe Williams, who was their chauffeur on the night of the killing and who is now under indictment for the murder of his wife, and one other were the only witnesses

For the prosecution seventeen wit-Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Blye and Della Racey are expected to prove the star w tnesses for the prosecution, since they were occupants of a house only 250 yards from the scene of the shooting. Miss Racey is a sister of Mrs. Blye. The latter appeared in court this morning with an infant in arms.

The case proceeded with such dispatch that the opening statement of both the prosecution and defense had been concluded before 11:30, and shortly street which the first witness took the commission that there may be the commission that the case of the commission that the case of been concluded before 11:30, and shortly after which the first witness took the stand. He was H. Morrison, jr., a photographer of Woodtsock, Va., who presented photographs showing the lay of the land at the Valley turnpike and Tumbling Run bridge, where the shooting occurred. These photographs were introduced with the purpose of informing the jury exactly as to the details of the neighborhood of the shooting.

In his opening statement Judge Taveners charged that the automobile in single directly before the commission all trarties at interest desiring In his opening statement Judge Tavenner charged that the automobile in which Hudson was a passenger was stopped without authority, apparently, from the commonwealth of Virginia." He declared that the men were stopped under the idea that prohibition officers had a right to do so, believing that the car had liquor in it. He said that Shackleford was an acquaintance if not a former friend of Itall. When they met, declared Judge Tavenner, but a few moments had clasped before Hall had shot Shackleford with the said that Shackleford was an acquaintance if not a former friend of Itall. When they met, declared Judge Tavenner, but a few moments had clasped before Hall had shot Shackleford with the said that Shackleford was an administrative body which has experts investigating the economic and legal side of "forestalling" following complaints regarding unfair trade

Speaking of one of the primary oints of the defense, he declared that "they will show that Shackleford's pistol had three empty chambers in

"But Hall was the first man to se the pistol," he told the jury. "Why were five shots fired, first two and then three, after the car had come to stop?"
It is on this point that the prosecu-

tion will fire one of its strongest legal projectiles into the ranks of the de-fense. The Blye family has been called to the stand especially to testify as to the interval and number of shots fired. The theory of the prosecution is that the defendant himself exploded the the defendant himself exploded the cartridges in Shackleford's gun in an effort to secure a basis for defense. The prosecution painted a word picture of the deceased man, describing Shackleford as being a one-legged man, "a crippl," and Hudsin as but a boy of eighteen. The defense, however, drew a darker picture of the deceased. They claimed that Shackleford was "a notorious bootlegger" and that Hudson was a veritable young giant standing six foot two inches in spite of his eighteen years.

In charge of the prosecution are

COAL COMMISSION TO DISCUSS TREATY CALLS ON TUMULTY

Program Expected to Be Outlined at Meetings During Week.

Members of the commission named treaty ratified, both democrats and re- Tumulty today at the White House

strongest supporters of ratification tors finally would tender their as of the peace treaty on the republican sistance to the commission in its

pressed with the charge that party politics alone lie at the bottom of America's hesitation to ratify the peace treaty.

Mission is Unfiled.

It is true in one sense that the mission of Lord Grey has been a failure, but in quite another sense it is about the most important mission that could have been contemplated for this critical moment in the relations of the Unfiled States and Europe. It will be under the strike settlement agree-by urging this country and Europe, by urging this country and Europe, by urging consideration for the special situation in which America finds herself.

There is the pleasantest and most cordial feeling between Viscount Grey and President Wilson, even though the latter has not found it possible to receive the distinguished visitor. When Lord Grey arrived and found the promptly sent a letter to Unlited States and Europe. It will be the White House advising the President Washington throughout the recess ment with the miner, made by Athensical washington throughout the recess ment with the miner throughout the recess and throughout the recess and they are going ahead with their plans. They hope, as they have hoped ail along, that they will be able to bring about ratification of the treaty under the leadership of Senator Lodge, the republican leader. But they are insistent that they will get the mine have been retained. The commission is empowered to grant further corrects the mise over it they have hoped ail along, that they will be able to bring about ratification of the treaty under the leadership of Senator Lodge, the republican leader. But they are insistent that they will get the mine have been retained. The correction of the visitor. Washington throughout the recess ment with the ment and throughout the recess and throughout the recess and throughout the recess and they are going ahead with their plans. They hope, as they have hoped ail along, that they will be able to bring about ratification of the treaty under the leadership of Senator Lodge, the republicant leader. But they w the mine have been retained. The commission is empowered to grant further increases, if found necessary, and to increase the price of coal if that is necessary, and has been requested to report a decision within sixty days.

The members of the commission are Henry M. Robinson of Pasadena, Calif. chairman: Rembrandt Peale, representing the operators, and John P. White, representing the miners.

Secretary of Labor Wilson later joined the conference. John G. Keegan, attache of the Departent of Labor, who took part in the settlement with the miners, accompanied Mr. Wilson the miners, accompanied Mr. Wilson to the White House.

TRADE COMMISSION STARTS NEW PROBE

The Question of Guarantee Against Decline in Price Being Investigated.

Of vital interest to business through out the United States and fundamen tally to the consumer is a brand-new ial) .- "Unlawful murder" will be the investigation that has just been

In about two months the Federal Trade Commission expects to have a big hearing at which all parties interested can participate growers, manufacturers, producers, wholesale and retail merchants, jobbers and consumers. In the meantime the commission has sent out many thousands of copies of a letter to all chambers of commerce and trade or-ganizations throughout the country. to all trade journals, co-operative buying associations and national farm organizations, asking for an expres-sion of opinion on this trade practice of guaranteeing against decline in

The interest of the Federal Trade ommission is for whose rights seem to be threatened, according to some complaints, by the fact that this practice leads to stoppage of the natural flow of committies in the channels of trade.

Two Methods Used. There are two ways in which the prices are now guaranteed-one by the manufacturer against any de-cline he may make in the price, and the other against a decline in the market price. There is serious doubt in the minds of the Federal Trade Commission whether the same general principle can be applied on per-ishable commodities as on staple

goods. As an illustration of how the con plaints have come to the Federal Trade Commission. One soap jobber complained that a manufacturer had refused to guarantee the price against decline though it was common prac-tice in the trade. The manufacturer admitted it, said it was the the jobber that this was his right, but the manufacturer believed it "unjustiends flable merchandising." He argued that nolle when the title to the goods legally passes he did not think that he should be forced to assume the hazard of the other fellow's business. Then he brought in the question which has most deeply interested the commis-sion. He said that he believed this present for the defense this morning. practice leads to stoppage of the seventeen Witnesses for Prosecution. For the prosecution seventeen witample, if a man buys on a rising market and is assured against any de-cline in price his natural avarice leads him to hoard the goods on his shelves until he can get the better price. The natural tendency of mer-chandising is to keep goods moving and to clear the shelves instead of

ford twice. He then charged that Hall complaints regarding unfair trade had, after an interval, turned the gun on Hudson.

Discusses Defense's Point.

Discusses Defense's Point. hearing is planned here so as to dis-pose of the entire question in a comprehensive way and to obviate

COPENHAGEN, December 29 .- The soviet government at Moscow has sent a formal peace offer to the Polish

that Hudson was a veritable young giant standing six foot two inches in spite of his eighteen years.

In charge of the prosecution are Commonwealth's Attorney Thomas H. Lion of Prince William county and Judge F. S. Tavenner of Woodstock, Va. Counsel for the defense are Louis O. Wendenberg, former state senator; Walton & Walton of Manassas, and Meets & Didlake, also of Manassas.

D. S. R. immediately. The Polish government was requested to mame the time and place for the negotiations to begin. Geneva advices under date of December 22 said that Leon Trotsky, the soviet minister of war, was preparing for a great offensive against Poland next spring. Chinese troops, recruited at the rate of 8,000 a day and trained in the soviet military school, would aid the bolsheviki in the campaign, the advices declared.

CENERAL PERSHING'S VISIT TO HIS HOME TOWN.

